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In re application of:	Tara C. Singhal)
Serial No:	08/710,388) Art Unit
Filed:	September 14, 1996) 2736
For:	MAN MACHINE INTERFACE VIA DISPLAY PERIPHERAL)
Examiner:	John Tweel)
Attorney Docket No.:	11195.4)

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 17, 1998, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 17, 1998, please amend the above-captioned Patent Application as follows:

Applicant respectfully elects Group I comprising of claims 1-6 and 15-22 with traverse.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has determined there are three (3) inventions:

- (1) **Group I:** namely, claims 1-6 and 15-22, drawn to a display peripheral input device;
- (2) **Group II:** namely, claims 7-9, drawn to a multiple switch; and
- (3) **Group III:** namely, claims 10-14, drawn to an operator interface.

The Examiner provided that the inventions are distinct because the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the sub-combination as claimed and the sub-combination has utility. It is believed that the Restriction Requirement is improper because